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Hideki HAYASHI et al.

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 14, 2001, submitted herewith is the required Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00, required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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